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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON SUBJECT TRAINING IS PROVIDED
IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL. RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO FORMAT PROVIDED:

A. HOST COUNTRY (HC) IMET PROGRAM IS DEVELOPED BY HC
SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH MILGP SECTION TRAINING OFFICERS
WITH WHOM THEY ESTABLISH A TRAINING PRIORITY LIST. INITIALLY
IT IS GENERALLY DONE ANTICIPATING ESTIMATED FUNDING. WHEN
FUNDING LEVELS BECOME KNOWN FOR A GIVEN YEAR IT IS SIMPLY
PLACED ALONGSIDE THE PRIORITY LIST. COURSES ABOVE THE FUNDING
LIMIT LINE GO AND COURSES BELOW EITHER ARE DEFERRED TO ANOTHER
YEAR, ARE PURCHASED BY HC UNDER FMS OR DROPPED. HC DOES NOT GEN-
ERALLY LEAN IN FAVOR OF PROFESSIONAL VS TECHNICAL TRAINING ONE WAY
OR ANOTHER BUT DEVELOP A PROGRAM MIX BASED ON NEEDS AND FUNDING
LEVEL AVAILABLE. HC PRIORITIES ARE VERY CLOSELY RELATED TO US
MISSION PRIORITIES DUE TO THE CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN
HC STAFF TRAINING OFFICERS AND MILGP SECTION TRAINING OFFICERS.
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B. TRAINING FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED BETWEEN BRANCHES OF SERVICES
BY MILGP HQT'S AT THE TIME WHEN OUT YEAR TRAINING PROGRAMS
ARE SUBMITTED. PROGRAMS SUBMITTED BY THE HC SERVICES ARE
CONSOLIDATED INTO A TRI-SERVICE PRIORITY LIST WITH A CUT BEING
MADE EQUAL TO THE LEVEL OF TOTAL MONEY AVAILABLE. THIS MAY
OR MAY NOT EQUATE OUT TO AN APPROPRIATE THREE WAY SPLIT OF

AVAILABLE MONEY. ALSO PROGRAMS ARE NOT STATIC ESPECIALLY DURING THE TRAINING YEAR WHEN HC SERVICE MAY DEVELOP A NEW HIGHER PRIORITY REQUIREMENT WHICH REQUIRES PROGRAM ADJUSTMENT.

C. THE EFFECT FENCING HAS ON PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT WAS CANCELLATION OF BOTH US PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL COURSES WHICH WERE PROGRAMED OUTSIDE OF CZ SCHOOLS. ARGENTINA HAS NOT IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS BEEN A HEAVY USER OF CZ TRAINING. IN FY 77 THE USARSA FENCE AT \$91,000 COVERS ONLY SIX ARGENTINE ARMY STUDENTS AND ONE ARGENTINE MARINE WHO USUALLY STAYS ON TO BECOME A GUEST INSTRUCTOR, FOR WHICH THE ARGENTINE MILITARY PAY SALARY AND LIVING ALLOWANCES. THE FY 77 IAAFA FENCE AT \$136,000 COVERED TWENTY-FIVE STUDENTS, THE NUMBER OF WHICH WAS UNUSUALLY HIGH FOR ONE YEAR, DUE TO A BACKLOG CREATED DURING THE FY 76 PROGRAM SUSPENSION. THE FENCE CAUSED AN OVERALL DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE ARGENTINE PROGRAM AND DESIRED TRAINING OBJECTIVES OF THE HC SERVICES.

D. WITH RESPECT TO HC FREEDOM OF CHOICE AS TO LOCATION ALL THREE SERVICES PREFER CONUS TRAINING BUT BOTH ARMY AND AIR FORCE COULD BE EXPECTED TO SEND TOKEN STUDENTS TO CZ SCHOOLS FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING. BASED ON FY 76, FY 77 AND FY 77 EXPERIENCE FACTORS IT IS ESTIMATED THAT FOR CZ TRAINING ARMY WOULD USE ONE PROFESSIONAL COURSE (PERSONNEL MGT) AND FIVE TECHNICAL COURSES (TWO JUNGLE WARFARE AND THREE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE); NAVY ONE PROFESSIONAL COURSE (INFANTRY TACTICS/PREREQUISITE GUEST INSTRUCTOR COURSE) AND NO TECHNICAL COURSES; AIR FORCE IAAFA ALL TECHNICAL WOULD PROBABLY FALL TO 10-15 STUDENTS AND IN THIS CASE CONUS TECHNICAL TRAINING WOULD

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PROBABLY RISE BY 10-15 STUDENTS. ASSUMING A \$700,000 PROGRAM LEVEL FOR FY 78 WITHOUT FENCING ARMY AND NAVY CONUS PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRNG COULD BE EXPECTED TO INCREASE ALONG WITH AIR FORCE TECHNICAL TRNG AS MORE FUNDS WOULD BE AVAILABLE BY NOT FENCING. REGRET THAT DUE TO SHORT TIME FRAME IN STAFFING THIS REPLY, CONTACT COULD NOT BE MADE WITH HC SERVICES TO DETERMINE EXACT COURSES.

E. OF THE THREE COSTS INVOLVED (TUITION, TRANSPORTATION AND LIVING ALLOWANCES) HC IS ALREADY PAYING FOR ALL LIVING ALLOWANCES. WITH TRANSPORTATION COSTS RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT IN COMPARISON TO THE OTHER TWO COSTS INVOLVED CZ TECHNICAL TRAINING WOULD PROBABLY DECREASE OR DISAPPEAR WITH A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN CONUS TECHNICAL TRAINING.

F. SAME RESPONSE AS E ABOVE.

G. IF IMET DISCONTINUED FUNDING TECHNICAL AND RELATED TRAINING HC CZ TRAINING FOR ARMY AND AIR FORCE WOULD PROBABLY

DROP TO ZERO, WITH THE LIKELIHOOD THAT CONUS TRAINING WOULD INCREASE BY A CORRESPONDING AMOUNT. AS NAVY IS ONLY UTILIZING CZ TRAINING ONE ONE COURSE THE NAVY PROGRAM WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED.

H. IF IMET DISCONTINUED FUNDING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH CZ AND CONUS WOULD PROBABLY DROP TO ZERO.

I. NOT APPLICABLE AS HC SERVICES IN REALITY HAVE NO TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR COURSES IN THE CZ THAT THEY COULD NOT MEET THROUGH PRESENT TRAINING IN COURSES OFFERED IN CONUS. GUEST INSTRUCTOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS WOULD SIMPLY BE ELIMINATED.

J. (1) THE SELECTION PROCESS IS AN INTERNAL FUNCTION OF THE HC SERVICES BASED ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, SERVICE NEEDS ETC. ALL THREE SERVICES FOLLOW A SELECTION PROCESS TO INCLUDE SUCH FACTORS AS ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY, PUBLIC IMPRESSION CREATED BY THE INDIVIDUAL, MILITARY BEARING, ACADEMIC STANDING IN HC
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SERVICE SCHOOLS AND EFFICIENCY REPORTS.

(2) COUNTRY'S PRIORITIES COINCIDE WITH MILGP PRIORITIES FOR THIS TRAINING AND ONLY THE VERY BEST QUALIFIED ARE SELECTED. INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTEND THIS TRAINING IN CONUS ARE NOT EXEMPTED FROM ANY OF THE NORMAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING REQUIRED FOR PROMOTION WHICH IS OFFERED IN ARGENTINA. IT IS FOR THESE REASONS THAT SHOULD IMET NO LONGER FUND THE TRAINING ARGENTINA WOULD MOST LIKELY NOT PARTICIPATE. THEY VIEW PARTICIPATION IN CONUS PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AS BENEFICIAL BUT NOT ESSENTIAL.

K. NO EFFECT IF USG STOPPED PAYING ALL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING COSTS. HC SERVICES NOW, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR SPECIALIZED ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR PERSONNEL ATTENDING CONUS PILOT COURSES, PROVIDE AND FUND ALL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING.

L. PROBABLY A FAVORABLE REACTION WOULD OCCUR IF THE TRAINING WERE MOVED TO CONUS. HC SERVICES GENERALLY FEEL THAT CONUS TRAINING IS ON A HIGHER LEVEL, THAT IT IS MORE UP-TO-DATE THAN THE TRAINING OFFERED IN THE CZ. THEY FEEL THAT CZ SCHOOLS ARE DESIGNED FOR THE MORE UNDERDEVELOPED LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND SINCE THEY HAVE HISTORICALLY VIEWED THEMSELVES AS SUPERIOR TO MOST OF LATIN AMERICA THEY HAVE PARTICIPATED MORE OR LESS RELUCTANTLY. THE HC SERVICES WOULD PROBABLY VIEW A MOVE OF CZ SCHOOLS TO CONUS AS A MOVE CLOSER TO THE SOURCE OF THE MOST UP-TO-DATE TRAINING IDEAS AND THEREFORE A MOVE FOR THE BETTER.

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